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## LIBERAL CAUCUS

### 2 Manitoba MPs make cabinet



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A former Winnipeg MP called the appointment of two Manitoba MPs to cabinet positions a "pleasant surprise" that will only mean good things for Manitoba and Winnipeg.

"I think it's a terrific combination," said Lloyd Axworthy, a former Manitoba Liberal MP who held the Minister of Foreign Affairs portfolio under Jean Chretien. "You've got two very strong ministers now as well as a talented caucus."

MPs MaryAnn Mihychuk and Jim Carr were both sworn in as cabinet ministers under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Wednesday.

"All the issues we've been having questions about, infrastructure, resource development, Kapyong development, all of these things are now doable," said Axworthy.

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# Canada's leader

Trudeau makes pledge to the people on historic day



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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family lead the new Liberal cabinet to Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Aboriginal minister brings hope for justice

FIRST NATIONS

Community hopes that 'meaningful change' on way



Dave Baxter  
Metro | Winnipeg

Sheila North Wilson hopes now that an indigenous woman has been named Canada's new justice minister, there will be "meaningful change" in how Ottawa deals with the indigenous community.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed B.C. MP Jody Wilson-Raybould as minister of justice on Wednesday.

Wilson-Raybould is the former regional chief of the B.C. Assembly of First Nations, and a former Crown prosecutor.

North Wilson, the Manitoba Keewatinow Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief, said she knows the first and most important thing Wilson-Raybould should work towards once getting into office.

"To call a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, men and boys, because this is the most important issue in our community right now," said North Wilson.



Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau look on as B.C. MP Jody Wilson-Raybould is sworn in as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada at a ceremony at Rideau Hall on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The rest of society has to know how serious this new government is, and by calling an inquiry right away they will show that."

Wilson-Raybould has experience working directly with people from Canada's indigenous community, and that experience will be valuable in her new role, said

North Wilson.

"She has heard first-hand from victims and from people that needed help, so I think she has a well balanced view of what our people need."

Wilson said she hears from a lot of people in the indigenous community that say police officers are often still "dismissive" when they get calls about

people's loved ones who have gone missing.

"I want this new minister to start looking at process and the culture of policing, and how police look at and deal with our people."

"Our First Nations communities across Turtle Island are in a crisis when it comes to education, housing, clean water,

resource development, the list goes on," said Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Derek Nepinak. "I strongly believe that our indigenous brothers and sisters that have been appointed to Cabinet will bring the indigenous voice to historically unrepresented portfolios and access points to government."

## IN BRIEF

### Winnipeg couple gives \$3.2 million to hospital

Marjorie and Edward Danylchuk have donated \$3.25 million to the Grace General Hospital for the Tomorrow's Grace Capital Campaign, the Manitoba government reported Wednesday. It's the largest individual donation ever made to a Winnipeg community hospital.

Health Minister Sharon Blady said the money will go towards a new emergency department, including a new triage area and rapid-assessment zone, as well as specialized diagnostic equipment. A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner is under construction. Once complete, the new building will be named the Edward and Marjorie Danylchuk Centre and MRI Building.

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### Province to finish work on Trans Canada Trail

Almost 25 years since it was first created, the Manitoba government is pledging to finish the Trans Canada Trail.

The trail project was launched in 1992 as a way to connect the country for hikers, bikers or paddlers. It's about 92 per cent finished in Manitoba and about 80 per cent complete nationally.

The province is now spending \$800,000 to fill in the left-over gaps and there is also some funding coming from the federal government in Ottawa.

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## RESERVES

## All First Nations need 911 service: Inquest

A judge examining the deaths of three children and a grandfather in house fires on remote northern Manitoba reserves says all First Nations communities should have 911 service.

In her final report released Wednesday, Judge Tracey Lord recommended the emergency dispatch service be established on all reserves. She also recommended better co-ordinated firefighting training for First Nations communities and greater priority of fire safety inspections.

"First Nation community leaders (should) take steps to ensure that proper resources are allocated towards fire protection services," Lord wrote in her report.

Reserves should support education training and retain certified electricians and carpenters to perform fire safety inspections and do repairs, she recommended, despite concerns raised during the inquest that such inspections would result in many homes being condemned.

Some chiefs say the recommendations will do little to address the disproportionate number of fatalities from house fires on reserves.

When fire broke out at two-month-old Errabella Harper's home in St. Theresa Point in January 2011, the community's fire truck was broken, in a garage, with no fire hoses. No one knew where the keys were.

A second fire about two months later in God's Lake Narrows killed Demus James and his two grandchildren.

The inquest found the reserves were woefully unprepared to handle the fires. Neighbours tried to douse the flames with buckets, wet towels and a low-pressure hose.

Statistics from the Office of the Fire Commissioner show that residents of aboriginal communities in Manitoba are far more likely to die in house fires than people living off reserve, who are more likely to escape with injuries. Although fires on reserves make up less than five per cent of all fires in the province, they account for up to half the fatalities.

An internal report from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada estimated in 2011 that it would take a \$28-million injection of federal funding to reduce the number of deadly fires on Manitoba reserves. Only a fraction of that amount has been approved.

Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson, who represents northern First Nations, said 911 service for all reserves is a good idea, but premature given the state of some poorly funded, volunteer fire departments.

"Who's going to answer the call?" she asked. "We shouldn't have to just rely on volunteer firefighters and volunteer water truck delivery drivers. We should have trained and skilled people in this area. We have a lot of people who are willing to work and willing to be trained."

First Nations are being asked to do "everything with very little resources and funding," said North Wilson, who is with Manitoba Keewatinow Okimakanak.

Chief David McDougall of St. Theresa Point said the community would welcome 911 service.

But the recommendation is meaningless without funding to staff the service and ensure there are paid, trained people ready to respond, he said.

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**"We have a lot of people who are willing to work and willing to be trained."**

Grand Chief  
Sheila North Wilson



Todd Dube says the city's Know Your Zone program illegally tickets vehicles because it tickets and tows drivers without putting up proper signage. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

# City washes hands of parking ticket appeal

## KNOW YOUR ZONE

### Resident, lawyer claim app violates traffic law



Dave  
Baxter  
Metro | Winnipeg

The city has let Todd Dube walk away from a parking ticket he received last winter, but they're keeping hush about the reasons why.

Dube and a lawyer representing him claim the city's Know Your Zone program is in

direct violation of the Highway Traffic Act, because it tickets and tows drivers without putting up clear signage.

Dube is appealing a conviction he received earlier this year under the program, but on Wednesday a judge allowed the city to stay the proceedings — meaning Dube is acquitted of the ticket, and doesn't have to pay it.

The stay of proceedings is a better option for the city, according to Dube, because he believes if he were to win an

appeal the city would have to admit the Know Your Zone program has been ticketing drivers illegally since 2011, and the city would have to start using signage in all cases where they ticket or tow vehicles.

On Wednesday Dube fought for the right to fight the ticket, but a judge didn't oppose the city's decision to stay the proceedings, and Dube was not given any opportunity to state his case in court.

"And I have to say one of the

most egregious things that the judge said was that she didn't consider this to be a matter of public interest," said Dube.

"Isn't that strange that a policy that affects every resident in the city is not of public interest?"

Public Works director Janice Lukes said a city lawyer told her they do not have to go public with reasons when they stay the proceedings in a legal case.

"The city prosecutor, they don't have to offer a reason," said Lukes. "And it appears when I checked with the legal folks that she didn't offer a reason."

Lukes said there is currently "nothing in the works" to make changes to how the Know Your Zone system operates.

**"Isn't that strange that a policy that affects every resident in the city is not of public interest?"**

Todd Dube

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Mac DeMarco plays in Winnipeg Thursday. MARIA LOUCEIRO/METRO

MAC DEMARCO

## Edmonton-raised singer gets up close

**Nigel Moore**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

On his new mini LP Another One, Mac DeMarco hints at his own experiences of love and loss with bittersweet lines like, “Never believe in a heart like hers again,” and “Long as I know she’s happy without me.”

The album “goes over the whole spectrum of feeling funny in the chest,” said the Edmonton-raised singer-songwriter. But what his fans end up taking away is still up to them.

DeMarco now lives in the Far Rockaway neighbourhood of Queens, pretty much as far

from Manhattan in the city as you can get, as he described it. (He gives his home address at the end of the last track and invites anyone listening over for a cup of coffee; “I don’t regret it,” he said.)

“I’ve been very open with the press and with my fans in the past,” said DeMarco. “While that’s not a bad thing to do, this time I just thought I’d be like, ‘Choose your own adventure’. These songs mean something to me, but they don’t have to mean it to you. Figure out what you want from them, if you want anything; if you don’t, don’t worry about it.”

“You write a song and then you start playing it live and you put it out on record, and it’s not really yours after a certain point,” said DeMarco. “I don’t know if this was an effort from me to keep some kind of personal attachment to these songs, or maybe I just don’t want anybody poking around in my business with this one.”

DeMarco’s Western Canada tour began Oct. 30 in Vancouver and has taken him through Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon. The final date is tonight, Nov. 5, at the Garrick Centre.

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Mac DeMarco

# Museum celebrates women’s right to vote

100TH ANNIVERSARY

## Exhibit looks at major moment in 20th century

**Meg Crane**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

It’s been 100 years since Manitoba women fought and won the right to vote, and the Manitoba Museum is honouring that fight with a new exhibit.

“We thought a couple of years ago that we should do something to commemorate that anniversary and we’ve been working on it ever since,” said Roland Sawatzky, curator of history at the museum.

The Manitoba Museum and the Museum of Canadian History had few artifacts linked to the story, so they asked the public for donations and loans.

The result is Nice Women Don’t Want the Vote, and contains some eyebrow-raising artifacts. One surprising loan was a portion of a wall of a barn, upon which a woman painted “Vote for Women.” Her husband later added “No” before her words.

“It’s really a fascinating psychological story about this relationship that these two people were having,” Sawatzky said, “but also the tension within society itself about what the roles of women were.”

Sawatzky said the exhibit focuses on the women who supported the movement by signing petitions, holding meetings and convincing others to join the fight, rather than the movement’s leaders.

However, there is a small section dedicated to journalist Cora E. Hind, which includes



Roland Sawatzky said asking to borrow artifacts turned up some eyebrow-raising pieces.

MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

her jacket. Sawatzky said the jacket was likely embroidered by a woman from Norway House.

“While she was wearing this and she had the vote, the (in-

digenous) woman who made that beautiful thing wasn’t allowed to vote,” Sawatzky said. “And I think it speaks to the tensions in Canada at that time.”

“Democracy isn’t something that is always perfect and going in a straight line,” he added.

The exhibit opens at the Manitoba Museum Nov. 5 and closes April 10, at which point it will become a travelling exhibit.

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- In 1867, only 11 per cent of Canadians had the right to vote
- White women in Manitoba got the vote in 1916
- Mennonites and Doukhobor votes were rescinded over the next two years
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“**Democracy isn’t something that is always perfect.**

Roland Sawatzky

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# Comedian to bring big belly laughs to Burton

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Robert Kelly attributes his success to honesty

Jared Story  
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Robert Kelly ordered dinner for two for one.

The American comic and actor plays Louis C.K.'s brother on the FX series *Louie*. In one episode, C.K. and Kelly participate in a "bang-bang," an exercise in overindulgence that involves consuming an entire meal at one restaurant, and directly devouring another dinner at another eatery.

"We really ate all that food," says Kelly of shooting the bang-bang scene. "He (C.K.) ordered everything on the menu and went 'Action!' and they filmed one



**Boston-born comic Robert Kelly is in town on Sunday as part of the Just For Laughs Comedy Tour.** CONTRIBUTED

take of us just chowing the f— out of Indian food. Then, the crew actually broke for lunch, which I thought was hilarious."

Kelly weighs in on his weakness around chocolate and mac and cheese on his new standup special, *Live from the Village Underground*, available now on Netflix.

Shot in an intimate club in New York, the special sees Kelly at his most vulnerable,

digging into his eating habits, his childhood, his marriage and sex life, and his fascination with a good-looking naked guy at the gym.

Originally from Boston, Kelly came up in the early '90s with such comics as Bill Burr, Dane Cook and the late great Patrice O'Neal.

His success has come a bit slower than his peers, but Kelly believes his onstage honesty is why he's beginning to get his due.

## IF YOU GO

### Show info

Robert Kelly performs at the Burton Cummings Theatre on Sunday, as part of the 2015 Just For Laughs Comedy Tour. The lineup also includes Gerry Dee, Cristela Alonzo and Graham Chittenden. Tickets are \$45.50 and \$39.50 at Ticketmaster. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.



## NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH PLAY TACKLES EVEREST

The Manitoba Theatre for Young People hopes to have parents and children climbing out of their seats and up Mount Everest for its current production, titled *Peg and the Yeti*. The interactive play presented by the Carousel Players runs through Nov. 14. Tickets are available at [mtyp.ca](http://mtyp.ca). HANDOUT/MTYP

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# 'Looks like Canada'



Justin Trudeau gives a high five to children after attending a swearing-in ceremony of his cabinet.

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## PARLIAMENT

### Government will be based on teamwork, trust: Trudeau

Justin Trudeau beamed as he explained why he felt the need to put together Canada's first cabinet with an equal number of male and female members, 15 each.

"It's an incredible pleasure for me to be before you today ... to present a cabinet that looks like Canada," Trudeau said on Wednesday afternoon in his first statement as Canada's 23rd prime minister.

He had a quick answer and a smile when asked why he felt the need for the gender balance in his 30-member cabinet.

"Because it's 2015," he told reporters gathered outside Rideau Hall. "Canadians elected extraordinary members of Parliament ... I'm glad to be able to highlight a few of them in the cabinet today."

He promised that his government would be one based on trust and teamwork that delivers "evidence-based policy."

"Government by cabinet is back," he said.

Trudeau said he welcomed media asking serious questions and respected the desire for open data and access to information.

"We're forming a government that places trust at the very centre of its actions," he said.

He said he trusts his cabinet will help him fulfill a pledge to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees and also said he will push for human rights in upcoming talks in China.

That's important "not just for Canadians but for everyone on this planet," he said.

A standing ovation followed the pledge by Trudeau to be a "faithful and true servant" of the Queen in Canada in the blue-walled hall, with its high ceilings, gold curtains and massive portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

Trudeau, 43, made history by becoming the first child of a former Canadian prime minister to assume the post. His late father, Pierre Trudeau, last held the office in 1984.

The new prime minister was almost literally at home as he assumed Canada's top post. He is currently living in a secure Georgian revival-style cottage behind Rideau Hall, where the swearing-in ceremonies are held.

Trudeau grew up at the official prime minister's residence at 24 Sussex Dr. in Ottawa. That building is now slated to undergo renovations to remove lead pipes and outdated wiring, among other things.

He and his incoming cabinet arrived at Rideau Hall this morning after a walk on which they were greeted and cheered by well-wishers.

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#### Because it's 2015.

Justin Trudeau on why gender parity is important



Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire arrive with his cabinet before his swearing-in at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Nov. 4. CHRIS WATTIE/AFP/GETTY

## 3 LITTLE (YET SIGNIFICANT) DETAILS

### TRUDEAU'S BLUE TIE

It was hard not to see the new prime minister's choice of tie in stark contrast to the other men admitted to the executive branch, almost all of whom wore red ties.



### THE GREAT SEAL OF CANADA

Innovation minister Navdeep Bains is seen clutching the Great Seal, which is affixed to bills when they get royal assent and is entrusted to the registrar general of Canada.





A beautiful fall day, a buoyant ceremony, a general air of optimism — everything goes Justin Trudeau's way as the country's 23rd prime minister and his notably diversified cabinet are sworn in



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Many of the new ministers brought their own books of scripture to hold while taking their oaths.



## THE 6 TOUGHEST JOBS IN OTTAWA

### 1 Improve standing on world stage



**Stéphane Dion | Foreign Affairs**

Dion struggles in English and is not a natural schmoozer, making him an unusual choice for a job that prizes both those skills. But he is highly intelligent and has held key portfolios in past Liberal governments.

Level of difficulty

Fit

### 2 Missing-and-murdered inquiry



**Carolyn Bennett | Indigenous and Northern Affairs**

Bennett, a former family physician and minister of state in Paul Martin's government, is an obvious choice. Her past work as an aboriginal-affairs critic gives her instant credibility on a sensitive file.

Level of difficulty

Fit

### 3 Settle 25,000 refugees by 2016



**John McCallum | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship**

The former Royal Bank chief economist has seemingly little experience on the immigration file. But his past cabinet experience (Defence, Veterans Affairs) should help.

Level of difficulty

Fit

### 4 Deliver federal budget by March



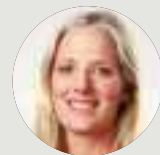
**Bill Morneau | Finance**

The rookie MP brings Bay Street cred as the former head of a human-resources company. He jumps right in to arguably the government's most important portfolio. For a political newcomer, it will be a very tall order.

Level of difficulty

Fit

### 5 Prepare for Paris climate summit



**Catherine McKenna | Environment and Climate Change**

The former human-rights and social-justice lawyer showed her political mettle by unseating NDP stalwart Paul Dewar. Now can she deliver on all of Trudeau's environmental promises?

Level of difficulty

Fit

### 6 End bombings in Syria, Iraq



**Harjit Sajjan | Defence**

The rookie MP served in Bosnia and Afghanistan and was the first Sikh to command a Canadian Army regiment. He has instant credibility with the rank-and-file; the top brass is another matter.

Level of difficulty

Fit



MaryAnn Mihychuk is sworn in as Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Two spots for Manitoba

### GOVERNMENT

### Could lead to increased focus on waterways, jobs training



**Elisha Dacey**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Two former Manitoba MLAs are now both freshly-minted Ministers of the Canadian government.

Winnipeg South Centre MP Jim Carr was sworn in Wednesday as Minister of Natural Resources, while Winnipeg and Kildonan-St. Paul MP MaryAnn Mihychuk is the new Minister of Employment and Labour.

Mihychuk, who is a former MLA and twice named a Minister under the provincial NDP government, resigned her seat in 2004 to run for mayor.

Carr, a former reporter and president of the Business Council of Manitoba, was Deputy Leader for the provincial liberals

before resigning his seat in 1992.

Carr's new role puts him squarely in charge of Natural Resources Canada, which governs the country's energy, minerals and earth sciences. While the provinces are responsible for governing their own natural resources, having Carr as Minister could mean increased attention to trade along arctic waterways, including Churchill, and attention to managing and reversing waterway pollution.

Mihychuk, now in charge of Employment and Social Development Canada, has an opportunity to reshape how the country delivers skills and jobs training, something that Manitoba, with a higher-than-average poverty rate, could greatly benefit from.

Insiders had predicted a possible portfolio for Winnipeg Centre MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette, but his lack of experience likely prevented him from gaining a spot.

Ouellette told media Wednesday he wasn't disappointed and instead will relish the freedom he will have compared to his colleagues.

Former Liberal MP and cabinet minister Lloyd Axworthy said the appointment of two MPs only continues the sense of optimism in the province.

"We've had a government for a while now that wasn't very active in terms of outreach in this province and I think now we can really look forward to (the new government) now that we've got (local) ministers who know their way around nationally."



**We've had a government for a while now that wasn't very active in terms of outreach in this province.**

Lloyd Axworthy





# Shoo-ins left out of cabinet

## MINISTERS

### Political celebs and veterans on back bench

Presented with a wealth of talent to choose from in making his cabinet, there was some political capital Prime Minister Justin Trudeau chose not to spend.

A retired general and a former Toronto police chief were among the star Liberal MPs shut out of Trudeau's maiden cabinet, along with several veteran MPs.

At the same time, relative

political rookies now find themselves commanding some of the top political posts, including National Defence, Justice and the government's signature infrastructure plan.

"We have an awful lot of work to do in the coming weeks, months and years," Trudeau said after the group was sworn in.

"But I know that Canadians expect of us to come together and put forward a team that is going to be able to deliver on the change, on the ambitious plan for this country that the Liberal Party ran on — and that's exactly what we're going to deliver."



**Canadians expect of us to come together and put forward a team that is going to be able to deliver ... on the ambitious plan for this country that the Liberal Party ran on.** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Retired lieutenant-general Andrew Leslie was considered a shoo-in for a cabinet spot when he announced he was running for the Liberals but was left out of the mix, as was former Toronto police chief Bill Blair.

Longtime MPs, including Joyce Murray and former cab-

inet minister Hedy Fry, were also on the outside looking in. Fry said she had absolutely no hard feelings.

"He matched people's capabilities to their talents, and I'm looking forward to working with them," she said. "What I bring to the table is a fair amount of experience

and that ability to roll up my sleeves and help us to succeed."

Murray and Fry were the lone Liberal MPs in B.C. following the 2011 election, but after the party's unexpected success in that province last month, three newly elected parliamentarians now have seats on the front bench.

They are retired lieutenant-colonel Harjit Sajjan, appointed as defence minister; Jody Wilson-Raybould, who has been given the justice portfolio, and Carla Qualtrough, now responsible for Sport and Persons with Disabilities.

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**1 Team shot** — PM Justin Trudeau holds a news conference with his cabinet after they were sworn in at Rideau Hall. FRED CHARTRAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

**2 Man of the people** — The PM takes a selfie with onlookers as his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau (left) looks on. FRED CHARTRAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

**3 Emotional moment** — Trudeau's mother Margaret reacts to the swearing-in. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

**4 Young ambition** — Two-year-old Ross Potter wears a Mountie uniform as he waits for the ceremony to begin. JUSTIN TANG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NEW DEMOCRATS

### Tom Mulcair meets with his caucus

Tom Mulcair's campaign theme song Meet Me in the Basement by Broken Social Scene took on an ironic — and literal — significance Wednesday as the election-bruised NDP caucus gathered in the bowels of Parliament Hill.

The New Democrat leader, who has stayed out of the public eye since his party's drubbing, met with a significantly downsized caucus just hours after Justin Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister.

In a speech open to the media, Mulcair said the election results were not what

## + TORIES

The Conservative caucus meets Thursday for the first time since the election.

the NDP hoped for but vowed the party will examine what happened.

"We will be taking time in the months to come to analyze what happened," Mulcair said. "I've asked party president Rebecca Blaikie and national director Anne McGrath to start that process immediately."

The NDP leader said he wants a "top-level panel" to conduct that work, including outgoing MPs, current members and party elders who did not play a direct role in the campaign.

"I want an unvarnished, open, complete look at what happened and (will) report back to you and to all members of the party on that," he said.

"I'm committed to overseeing this process to find the answers and to lead our party to government in 2019."

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**Thomas Mulcair addresses reporters.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

## THE SCENE

### Swearing-in stage

Call it the political version of a Canadian fall classic. The diverse crowd that gathered on the grounds of Rideau Hall to witness the arrival of the new government found themselves framed by a dazzling blue sky and a sun-streaked canvas of autumn foliage.

They watched on large screens as the prime minister and his cabinet took their oaths. As the names were called, they cheered like the crowd at a sporting event at a big game.

A pair of loud roars went up when the names of political rookie and former aboriginal chief Jody Wilson-Raybould and former party leader Stephane Dion were announced as the ministers of justice and foreign affairs.

"I'm just excited to be a part of the movement," said Pippa McDougall, 22.

It was a sentiment expressed by many, including a few older members who fondly recalled the PM's father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**It's quite a time in history.**  
Pippa McDougall





The young family of Alexei Gromov, 27, his wife Tatyana, 26, and their 10-month-old daughter Darina, who was the youngest passenger in Russia's deadliest plane crash last Saturday, which took the lives of 224 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Britain suspends flights to Sinai

EGYPT

## Officials say bomb may have downed Russian plane

British and U.S. officials said Wednesday they have information suggesting the Russian jetliner that crashed in the Egyptian desert may have been brought down by a bomb, and Britain said it was suspending flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula indefinitely.

Intercepted communications played a role in the tentative conclusion that the Islamic State group's Sinai affiliate planted an explosive device on the plane, said a U.S. official briefed on the matter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss intelligence matters publicly.

The official and others said there had been no formal judgment rendered by the CIA or other intelligence agencies, and that forensic evidence from the blast site, including the airplane's black box, was still being analyzed.

The official added that intelligence analysts don't believe the operation was ordered by Islamic State leaders in Raqqa, Syria. Rather, they believe that if it was a bomb, it was planned and executed by a Sinai affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which operates autonomously.

Other officials cautioned that intercepted communications can sometimes be misleading and that it's possible the evidence will add up to a conclusion that there was no bomb.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said there was a "significant possibility" the crash was caused by a bomb, and Britain

was suspending flights to and from the Sinai resort of Sharm el-Sheikh indefinitely.

After a meeting of the British government's crisis committee, COBRA, Hammond said Britain was advising its citizens not to go on vacation to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is visited by hundreds of thousands of Britons a year.

Meanwhile, Russian and Egyptian investigators said Wednesday that the cockpit voice recorder of the Metrojet Airbus 321-200 had suffered substantial damage in the weekend crash that killed 224 people. Information from the flight data recorder has been successfully copied and handed over to investigators, the Russians added.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office said British aviation experts had been sent to Sharm el-Sheikh, where the flight originated, to assess security before British flights there would be allowed to resume. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Canadian fighting with Kurdish forces in Syria killed: Report

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says a Canadian fighting the Islamic State group in Syria has been killed in a suicide attack.

The observatory says in a posting on its website that John Robert Gallagher was killed in the attack by an ISIL fighter on Wednesday in Hassakeh. Maclean's magazine says Gallagher is a former infantryman with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MIGRANT CRISIS

# Volunteers flock to Greek island

As the Greek island Lesbos struggles with a huge migrant surge, a close-knit group of volunteers is working alongside Greek fishermen to rescue people at sea, provide medical care and bring comfort and basic necessities.

In the past three weeks, about 100,000 migrants reached Europe's busiest coastline — 10 kilometres of shore in northern Lesbos — whose beaches are littered by mounds of discarded orange life vests. The task can sometimes feel overwhelming, as children die before the rescu-

ers' eyes and there is never an end to the people in need. But the volunteers say the hardship is better than watching the plight of refugees on television.

One volunteer, Essan Daod, a Palestinian surgeon, flew to Lesbos from Israel three weeks ago to treat migrants, horrified by the scenes of anguish.

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# Keystone review to go on

## OILSANDS

## U.S. rebuffs TransCanada's request over pipeline

The Obama administration said Wednesday it is continuing a review of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline, despite a request by the project's developer to suspend the review.

If granted, a delay could have put off a decision on the high-profile project until the next U.S. president takes office in 2017. U.S. President Barack Obama has yet to say whether he would approve or reject the pipeline, but the Democrats running for president have all said they oppose it while Republican candidates support it.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said the department advised TransCanada on Wednesday of its decision to continue the review. The State Department has jurisdiction over the pipeline because



Hundreds of kilometres of pipes for the Keystone XL pipeline lie stacked in a yard in Gascoyne, N.D., as the project waits for the green light. THE CANADIAN PRESS

it crosses a U.S. border.

Kirby said there was no legal requirement for officials to suspend the review, adding that "a lot of interagency work" has gone into the evaluation so far. Secretary of State John Kerry "believes that it's most

appropriate to keep the process in place," Kirby said.

Calgary-based TransCanada asked the U.S. on Monday to delay consideration of the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline, the latest wrinkle in a seven-year quest for the project.

TransCanada said it respects the U.S. decision and will continue its efforts to demonstrate that the long-delayed pipeline — a flashpoint in the global debate over climate change — is in the U.S. national interest.

Five reports and 17,000

pages of State Department review have shown the project's benefits over the past seven-plus years, said TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper.

"The fundamental question remains: Do Americans want to continue to import millions of barrels of oil every day from the Middle East and Venezuela or do they want to get their oil from North Dakota and Canada through Keystone XL?" Cooper said.

The pipeline would run from Canada through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day from tar sands in western Canada to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Opponents say the project requires huge amounts of energy and water and increases greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming. They also warn that pipeline leaks could potentially pollute underground aquifers that are a critical source of water in the Great Plains. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TECHNOLOGY

## Wearables go beyond the basics

Canadian startups are building new wearable technology that goes well beyond the simple heart-rate monitoring and calorie-counting of activity trackers familiar to fitness buffs.

While devices from companies such as Fitbit, Jawbone and Garmin monitor basic information like steps taken and sleep cycles, many of the sports gadgets on display at the Wearable Entertainment & Sports Toronto conference on Tuesday were designed for the pros — offering advanced telemetry that helps professional athletes avoid injury and optimize training routines. Montreal-based Hykso, for example, is developing sensors that sit in a boxer's hand wraps to feed back real-time data about speed, power and technique.

PGA golfer Andrew Parr talked about how he uses the Muse brain-sensing headband from Toronto-based InteraXon to work on his focus and help him while out on the links.

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## PHARMACEUTICALS

## U.S. Senate probes drugs' price hikes

The political scrutiny of Valeant Pharmaceuticals is heating up as the U.S. Senate formally launched a probe Wednesday into skyrocketing prices for three of the company's prescription drugs.

The Senate's special committee on aging said it had requested documents and information from Valeant and three other drug companies.

Also requested were documents from Turing Pharmaceuticals, Retrophin Inc., and Rodelis Therapeutics amid a public outcry over the hikes, most notably Turing's move to raise the price of Daraprim by 5,000 per cent after obtaining rights to the drug. The medicine is the only U.S.-approved

treatment for a deadly parasitic infection called toxoplasmosis.

Past political focus on Valeant in the U.S. has been on the heart drugs Isuprel and Nitropress. But in a letter to Valeant CEO Michael Pearson, the Senate committee is also seeking information on Cuprimine, used to treat Wilson's Disease, an inherited disorder that can cause severe liver and nerve damage.

Cuprimine's price soared nearly 3,000 per cent to \$26,189 US for 100 capsules from \$888 US after Valeant purchased the rights to it. Nitropress increased 625 per cent and Isuprel by 820 per cent, the Senate letter said.

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## IN BRIEF

## Greenhouse gets grant

A youth group that grows fresh produce in one of Halifax's poorest neighbourhoods is taking its greenhouse off the grid. Canadian green energy producer, Bullfrog Power, is giving Hope Blooms a grant to build a solar array and battery backup.

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## EMMA TEITEL: ON PARLIAMENT'S CAST OF CHARACTERS

**An institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely dull. Which is why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant.**



When I graduated from university with a degree in English literature and began writing a column about current affairs, my biggest challenge was overcoming a profound lack of interest in Canadian politics. I watched CPAC — the televised proceedings of the House of Commons — in hopes of igniting a civic passion and instead discovered a soporific more powerful than 10 turkey dinners.

"Try to think about politics like daytime TV," a politically inclined friend advised me. "Picture every member of Parliament as a character on a soap opera, each one with their own back story and drama."

This method gave me some hope but was ultimately unsuccessful. For one thing, the prurging of Parliament bore zero resemblance to *The Bold and the Beautiful*, or my all-time favourite soap, *Passions*. But more importantly, Canadian government, even at its most engaging, lacked something soap operas have in excess: a diverse cast of characters. On a soap opera there is, to name a few, the formidable patriarch, the weird aunt, the young stud, the vengeful love child and the ghost of her aborted twin. In Canadian government though, there seemed to be an overwhelming supply of one character and one character only: the formidable patriarch — in other words, the greying

white man.

There is no crime or shame in being a greying white man, or a white man of any age or persuasion. In fact, I would be delighted if the new Liberal government added to its official platform a nationwide moratorium on the intensely stupid and increasingly popular word "mansplain." But an institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely dull. Which is why Prime Min-

the environment and climate change. The televised ceremony began with two little Inuit girls throat singing and then immediately cracking up, a thoroughly adorable moment which in turn made Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Trudeau crack up, too. When a reporter asked Trudeau after the ceremony why gender parity in his cabinet is important, he said simply, "Because it's 2015."



**COLOURFUL CREW** Though it's not quite as thrilling as the cast of *Passions*, the House of Commons is getting the diverse leadership team it needs and deserves, writes Emma Teitel. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant and, judging by the rapturous social-media reaction to his swearing-in ceremony this week, also widely popular.

Among Trudeau's new gender-balanced 31-member cabinet, sworn in officially at Rideau Hall where thousands applauded outside, are Jody Wilson-Raybould, the first aboriginal woman to hold the post of justice minister, Chrystia Freeland, the first woman to be appointed trade minister since the 1980s, and NGO director Catherine McKenna, who will serve as minister of

In other words, representation and the civic engagement it generates is not mere window dressing to more "serious" business. It is serious business in and of itself, and the notion that calculated fairness will sully a meritocracy that probably never existed to begin with is foolish and unconvincing. Trudeau's call for gender parity in cabinet has gifted Canadian government the diverse cast of characters it desperately needs and deserves. Mind you, it is a cast nowhere as interesting as any seen on *The Bold and the Beautiful* or *Passions*, but that's probably a good thing.

In the end, it's hard to be a Grinch in Canada. Trudeau's swearing-in was rife with good feeling, a contagious vibe no matter your political leanings. And yet, though the Liberal government has every reason to celebrate its achievement in gender parity and youth civic engagement, it must be, in some ways, quite terrified. Expectations of this government are astronomically high — especially among millennials, who don't cleave to political parties the way their parents did and will likely have no problem shedding any loyalty to Trudeau the moment his "hope and change" Obama moment subsides and real governance begins.

Shortly before Trudeau's ceremony, a spokesperson for the Liberal Party reiterated on national television Trudeau's "openness" and ability to engage people from all walks of life. Harper's cold and insular government, full of crabby media-wary political operatives, we are told again and again, didn't pan out. Everybody chose "Sunny Ways." Sunny Ways, Sunny Ways, Sunny Ways: it is the Marsha Brady of political slogans. And perhaps it's time the Trudeau government considered retiring the phrase — even in light of its many wins. Because though things are looking up for Trudeau — and indeed, they really are — cloudier days full of uncomfortable compromise lie ahead.

**Emma Teitel** is a national columnist for the Toronto Star. She has been a front-of-the-book columnist for Maclean's magazine for the past four years, focusing on a wide range of subjects including women's issues and popular culture. She won the National Magazine Awards gold award for columns in 2013.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Stick figures and tea: The new stealth tactics to teach sexual consent

Note to self: when broaching a sensitive subject, use stick figures and, if possible, tea.

Even the most defensive will surely be somewhat charmed by the thought of cosy, friendly orange pekoe. And stick figures are inherently funny, like pugs in tutus or cats attacking babies (just Google it).

Thus, we have the viral consent video, which is not a phrase I ever expected would make sense but now does. It's medicine masquerading as comedy, information in the guise of absurdity. Change, one hopes, via a laugh.

The video, written by Rockstar Dinosaur Pirate Princess and created by Blue Seat Studios, illustrates a lesson in consent by comparing offering to have sex with someone to offering them tea. The basic message: if the sex you're about to have is comparable to forcing someone to drink tea, then stop.

"Don't make them drink tea; don't get annoyed at them for not wanting tea. They just don't want tea, OK?" the voice-over explains, while a stick figure gets angry and then pours tea into another stick figure's mouth.

"And if they're unconscious, don't make them tea. Unconscious people don't want tea and they can't answer the question, 'Do you want tea?' because they're unconscious."

Right? So funny.

But hopefully also useful. Hopefully, those who may have not understood consent (like some people I've known) will be caught up in the hilarious and disturbing image of one stick figure forcing another stick figure to drink tea and think, "Hey! That makes a bit more sense, now."

I also felt like the issue reached new clarity thanks to the comparison.

That's certainly the goal of Blue Seat Studios owner and creative director Rachel Brian. Brian told me some have criticized the video by arguing it won't stop rapists from raping people, but she finds that reductive, and I agree.

"There are many cases of sexual assault where the person doesn't intend to be a rapist," she said. "I think the idea that it's, you know, this evil-versus-good thing, and if you're just a good person there will never be a problem, is a little bit naive."

Brian added: "It is not a preachy video and it doesn't assume that people are terrible."

That's the key, friends. The video lets us all consider how to be more considerate about sex without making some people defensive right off the bat. And, Brian added, the video has even helped some assault survivors finally believe it wasn't their fault.

So, stick figures and tea: the new stealth tactics.

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# John Irving's frame of mind

## AVENUE OF MYSTERIES

### Long road to new novel spurred by a father's fear

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I stumble over John Irving's foot as I tuck myself into the snug booth. He stretches his arms up and out mimicking a giant arachnid as he blames the spider-like table legs for my misstep. It's an endearing icebreaker.

We're meeting over breakfast in a crowded Toronto bar to talk about his latest novel, *Avenue of Mysteries* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada, \$35).

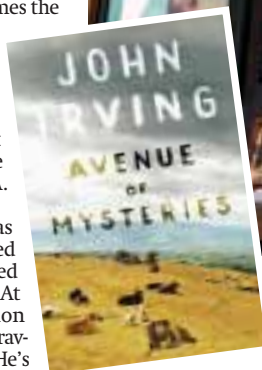
I momentarily feel as awkward and disoriented as the book's lame-footed protagonist Juan Diego. At 54, Juan is on a collision course of his own while traveling to the Philippines. He's off his beta-blockers and slipping in and out of dreams and memories of his 14-year-old self.

The story of Juan Diego and his sister, Lupe, is the 14th novel from the fevered imagination of Irving, author of bestsellers *The World According to Garp*, *The Cider House Rules*, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *A Widow for One Year*.

*Avenue of Mysteries*, by turns absurd, tender, profound and



John Irving in his Toronto office — the largest workspace he's ever had. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



combination thereof — plumbs the author's favourite themes of religion, sex and fear.

It was Irving's good friend, photographer Mary Ellen Mark, who planted a seed of fear that over more than two decades grew into *Avenue of Mysteries*. In the late 1980s, Mark showed him her images of child performers in circuses in India. In 1990, Irving joined Mark and her film director husband, Martin

biting — or some riotous combination thereof — plumbs the author's favourite themes of religion, sex and fear. When they couldn't get the movie made, a search for other circuses with young at-risk performers led them to Mexico.

"We saw some amazing circuses," says Irving. "You know the little curb around a ring? There were no bars. The lions just came into the ring and looked at all the children eating cotton candy and peanuts in the front row. You could

have reached out and touched them," he says, reaching across the tiny table to touch my hand, laughing.

"The origins (of *Avenue of Mysteries*) are kids at risk and the unthinkable happening to a child," says Irving. "I wouldn't go see one of those circuses again if you paid me, but with every novel I've written there has to be an element that I am dreading even writing about. Because of how visceral my reaction is to something (unimaginable) ever happening to a child

or grand-child of mine, the fear is autobiographical."

When we walk to Irving's nearby workspace, Metro's photographer and a book publicist join us in the large bright suite. A scrupulously tidy desktop stretches the length of a wall covered in family photos. His Oscar for *The Cider House Rules* screenplay sits opposite on the fireplace mantle. A treadmill separates the main room from a nook with two walls of

## IN THE WORKS

### For the love of Garp

Irving is writing a teleplay of *The World According to Garp* for an HBO Warner Bros. mini-series. Having passed on two previous overtures to adapt his 1978 bestseller, Irving, now 73, says he didn't want to say no again.

wrestling pictures of his sons.

After showing us Mark's image of Pinky, the young Indian circus performer who inspired the character of Lupe, Irving poses for photos and the conversation turns to researching orphanages like the one Juan and Lupe live in for a time.

Irving recalls how his youngest son, Everett, wanted to revisit an orphanage while helping with research for the book. "The first time, (the children) don't look at you," says Irving. "The second time, they think you're coming for them." The author borrows publicist Evan as a prop. Approaching from behind, Irving shyly slips his hand into Evan's hand, saying, "This is what happens when you make a return visit to an orphanage."

In the open yet intimate workspace, defined by its images of the author as patriarch, father and family man, it's easy to imagine Irving taking that symbolic child's proffered hand and embracing his fears yet again.

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# 'A tall, pimply, gangly teen'



Comedic talent Rainn Wilson chronicles how he developed his unique sense of humour in his memoir, *The Bassoon King: My Life in Art, Faith, and Idiocy* (on sale Nov. 10).

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Having studied piano as a kid and then clarinet at Kellogg Junior High, just north of Seattle, I went to my band teacher and told him I wanted to quit clarinet and play tenor sax. Saxophone was just way cooler. Guys in the sax section would crack jokes, goof off and wear sunglasses in class sometimes. Clarinet wasn't pathetically loser-ish (I mean it wasn't French Horn!), but it's not the most masculine of instruments either. Sure there was a clarinet-like instrument in the Cantina scene in *Star Wars*, but let's face it, clarinets are for girls in braces and Woody Allen. (Who loves girls in braces. *Badum, dum!*)

My band teacher, John Law (real name), really pulled a fast one on me. He said something to the effect of "well, you COULD play the sax, but we've just got SO many saxophones right now. You know what's an amazing instrument? One that's really cool and unique?" I was all like

"What? What's really cool and unique?" He was like "The Bassoon." And I was like: "Wow. THE BASSOON. What's that?"

And with that manipulative interaction, a bassoonist was born.

The bassoon is ridiculous. They should be banned for being horrible, unnecessary and adenoidally grating.

It takes like an hour to assemble one. They're enormous. It's like they're made out of Lincoln logs, aluminum twigs and paper towel tubes. There are these tiny double wooden reeds that you have to soak and trim and tend to all the time. There's a strap that you actually have to sit on when you play so the whole thing doesn't fall onto the floor like a bundle of garbage. And, after all that falderall, they end up sounding like an anemic donkey with laryngitis.

Later, after I was digging into my bassooning, Mr. Law was thoughtful enough to let

the class know that originally the bassoon was called the 'fagotti' in Italian because it was like a faggot (bundle) of wood when you were carrying the pieces around. That went over really well. People in junior high just loved commenting in all sorts of interesting ways on me and my enormous 'fagotti.'

I would also occasionally play in the pep band and marching band as a ... wait for it ... xylophonist. Our High School team was the Highlanders and thusly the marching band wore kilts and knee-high socks. If you went to a Shorecrest game or pep rally in 1982 or '83 and saw a tall, pimply, gangly teen in a plaid tartan kilt with a xylophone strapped to his skinny chest, that was probably me. Also, it should be noted that the "cool" guys in marching band would go "commando" under their kilts as they played "Tequila" and "On Wisconsin" and floppily marched around like pubescent idiots.

As if the bassoon, xylophone and science fiction obsession wasn't enough, I then took up an interest in chess. It's as if the sirens of dweebdom lured me inexorably into their pimply lair, from which I never really returned.

So I joined the chess club at Shorecrest High School. The team was centered around two guys whose name sounded like shoe: Terry Hsu (Chinese dude) and Jeff Schuh (white dude). They were really good at chess and taught the rest of us dorks a ton. Terry was first board and Jeff second. Other team members were Blake Kremer (3rd board), David Potter (5th board) and me manning the 4th board. You see, a chess team is comprised of the five best chess players and you put them in order from 1st board to 5th. When you play another team, they bring their five best and you both have at it in a silent room with a handful of awkward, acne-draped spectators. We

did pretty well with the "shoe" brothers and went to the state championship one of the two years I was on the team. We even beat the fancy-pants private school, Lakeside (alma mater of Bill "Fancy Pants" Gates). We crowed about that victory quite a bit, I can tell you.

Once the cheerleaders mockingly made a bunch of chess team banners for the school entranceway that said things like "CONGRATS CHESS TEAM STATE CHAMPS 82!" and stuff like that. Everyone at the school snidely guffawed and thought that was a total hoot and we slunk past the banners in shame. Jeff Schuh, however, had purchased a "chess" letterman's jacket with a giant knight's profile on the back and wore it around proudly. He was a nerd rebel and didn't care what the majority of Highlanders thought of him. Like "Spock" and "Potsie Weber" from *Happy Days* he immediately became a nerd hero.

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# An authentic history of comedy

## INTERVIEW

### Ex-stand-up writes book on modern humour

Sue Carter

For Metro Canada



When Kliph Nesteroff murdered his alter ego, a crusty old comedian named Shecky Grey, using a prop breakaway bottle borrowed from Zach Galifianakis, it also killed his stand-up career.

But Nesteroff's eight years working for laughs was not time wasted. It gave him first-hand insight into a tough business and turned Nesteroff into one of the most entertaining and observant writers on the history of modern comedy.

Even before its release this week, Nesteroff's first book, *The Comedians: Drunks, Thieves, Scoundrels, and the History of American Comedy*, had already received props from funny guys like Bob Odenkirk, Andy Richter

and Norm Macdonald. Steve Martin was so impressed he wanted to send copies as gifts to Martin Short, David Letterman and his former musical sidekick, Paul Shaffer. He even asked Nesteroff for help uncovering a foggy memory from his own past.

Nesteroff believes comedians are responding favourably to the book not just because of his extensive research and interviews, but because he intimately understands their lives.

"I think the book has an undercurrent of insight that if were written by someone who had never done standup, or isn't funny or has no experience in comedy, it would miss that element," he says.

"You might not be able to put your finger on what's missing, but I really believe I have an inherent understanding and grasp of the struggle of



**Los Angeles-based writer Kliph Nesteroff says that there are generational gaps in what people find funny, but hard work will always pay off, comically speaking.** JIM HERRINGTON

the lifestyle."

The Los Angeles-based writer got his comedic start in 1998 at open-mic nights at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel, performing to an indifferent audience of hard-luck, fist-fighting addicts, well before it became one of the city's most respected cul-

tural venues.

After a few years performing in Vancouver as Shecky Grey, Nesteroff moved to L.A., where he made his name writing about the history of the entertainment industry for the New Jersey radio station WFMU and hosting live events with

comedic legends such as Mel Brooks and Fred Willard.

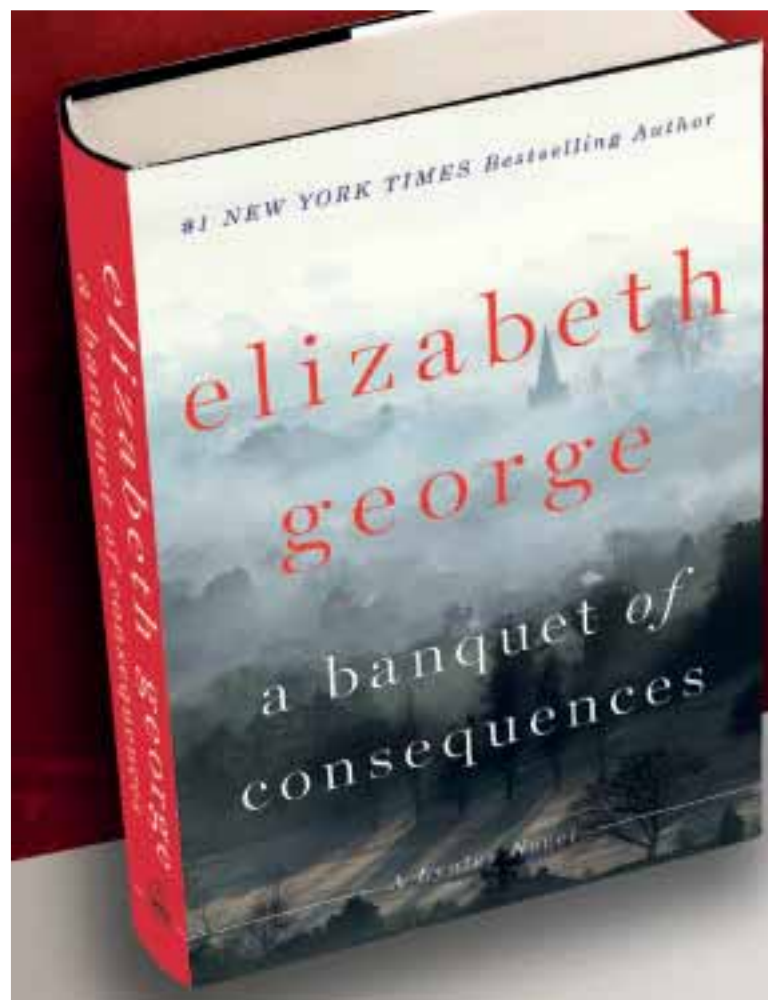
The *Comedians* covers broad territory, from the rise of vaudeville theatre in the early 20th century through to the game-changing introduction of television and current podcast idols like Marc

Maron. Although the industry has changed dramatically — no more mobster-ordered shootings or Communist blacklists — performers still experience many of the same pressures of past generations, such as the late-night temptations of drugs and alcohol and the inevitability of being perceived by younger audiences as "square."

"No matter how cool the current flavour of the month is, 40 years from now, people are going to look at Chris Rock and Zach Galifianakis as out of touch. That's the undeniable tragedy of comedy," says Nesteroff.

Jokes go out of style, and kids aren't going to find Jack Benny or even Jerry Seinfeld as hilarious as their elders do, but Nesteroff says there has remained one constant over a century of comedy. "If you're naturally funny and you do standup regularly and long enough, eventually you'll become great," he says. "That's the same in the 1920s as it is today."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

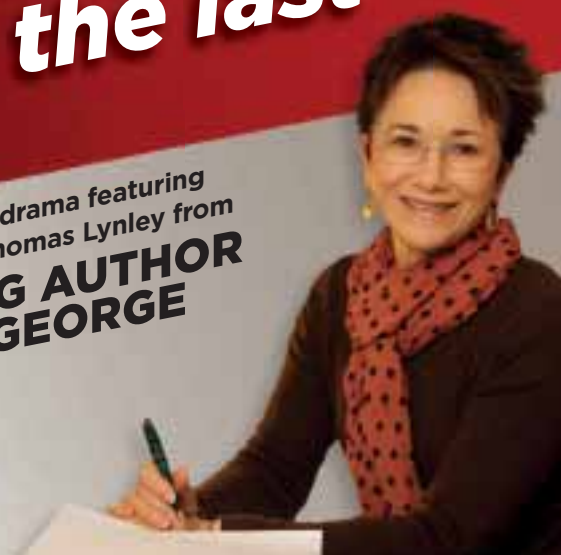


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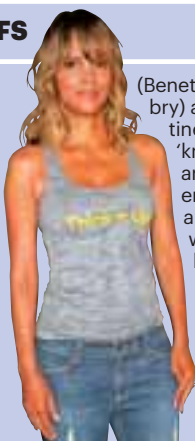


## GOSSIP BRIEFS

**Halle scary, exes say**

You know what's worse than going through a messy public breakup with your short-tempered French husband? Having your other ex-husbands take to Twitter to chime in about it. Isn't social media the worst?

David Justice went on a Twitter rant about his ex. "Yup, me, Eric



(Benet), Gabriel (Aubry) and Olivier (Martinez) were all her 'knight in shining armor,' until it ends. Then we all become the worst guys in history. Only the guys in the relationship with Halle know the real deal. There will be another, of course. He'll be

called 'the best' until it ends," he posted, before insinuating that Berry had a surprise coming for Martinez in their custody battle.

"Just wait, Olivier. It's coming. She insinuated that her daughter wasn't safe around Gabriel. Look it up and see the reason. Just wrong."

That's all bad enough, but then Benet piled on with, "My man (David Justice) is tweeting some truth." Real classy, guys.

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**Serena Williams catches crook**

In the pantheon of dumb criminals, this guy who thought he could outrun Serena Williams has got to be one of the dumbest.

The tennis champ took to Facebook to regale fans and friends with a tale of a dinner out for Chinese food ("delicious, I may add") turning into an audition for Wonder Woman. "When least expected, low and behold this

common petty thief grabbed my phone and swiftly left," she writes in the post, which was accompanied by a photo of her photoshopped into a Supergirl costume.

"I jumped up, weaved my way in and out of the cozy restaurant (leaping over a chair or two) and chased



him down. He began to run but I was too fast. (Those sprints came in handy) I was upon him in a flash!" She confronted her adversary, who played dumb and claimed he'd grabbed the wrong phone. Sure, buddy. That explains the running.

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# Weak wide release for Steve Jobs

## BOX OFFICE

**Director Danny Boyle on complex films and sales**

Danny Boyle admits Steve Jobs is a hard sell. The film about the Apple co-founder got disappointing figures when it opened wide across the U.S., taking only \$7.1 million despite critical acclaim and two successful preview weekends on limited release.

Boyle was surprised by the film's box office

numbers but says he's not interested in taking the easy route when making movies.

"You try and make complex films, not simplistic films. You also want to make them highly pleasurable as well," the 59-year-old British director said in an interview Monday.

"We did brilliantly the first two weekends," he explained. "Then they went too wide too soon and that's a mistake. But hindsight experts are always around on Monday mornings."

The movie, starring Michael Fassbender as Jobs and Kate Winslet as his right-hand woman Joanna Hoffman, comes from a script by Aaron Sorkin. Considered



Kate Winslet with director Danny Boyle. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

an award-season heavyweight, the Oscar-winning Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire, 2008) is confident the film will find its audience and says he won't be shocked if Fassbender and Winslet feature high on the upcoming trophy circuit season.

"I've been very lucky to be

involved with a lot of very good performances over the years, and this is on a different planet, I think. I mean Fassbender and Winslet — and Seth Rogen is just extraordinary in his playing (Apple engineer Steve) Wozniak — so yes, I'm very, very proud," he said.

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## LIFESTYLES

## Lil Wayne: Young money millionaire owes two 'milli'

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Lil Wayne's problems are definitely Rich People Problems. The rapper's Miami Beach mansion was stormed by cops Wednesday to seize property in connection with a dispute he has with private jet leasing company the Signature Group, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials arrived to seize some "sizeable" assets from within the home because of Lil Wayne's failure to pay a \$2 million judgment against him in his dispute with the company that came down in September. He's also on the hook for \$200,000 in legal fees for the company.

The company initially sued Lil Wayne for failing to pay for two



Lil Wayne. GETTY IMAGES

years of his three-year contract with them. Lil Wayne himself wasn't there to see the fracas, though. The rapper is currently in Los Angeles. According to paparazzi, he visited the Ace of Diamonds strip club Monday night. He might need a return visit to cheer him up after today.

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# Wood reaches new heights

## CONDO TRENDS

### Winnipeg among cities turning to wood in construction

**Duncan McAllister**  
For Metro Canada



From the outside, they look just like any other six-storey midrise structures. It's what you don't see underneath that could be a potential game-changer for Canada's condominium construction industry.

Recent changes to provincial building codes have paved the way for wood-frame construction of midrise buildings up to six storeys in On-

tario and B.C., where the current limit in most other jurisdictions is four storeys. Changes to the National Building Code of Canada are expected to follow suit.

As the condo industry embraces the growth of wood frame construction, we'll start to see more townhomes and midrise condos made from engineered wood materials. What does that mean for the prospective home buyer?

#### Benefits

The obvious advantage is cost. Analysts predict a reduction in construction costs of multi-residential and office buildings in the order of 10 to 15 per cent. That's after factoring in the

added safety provisions mandated by the legislation.

Multi-storey wood frame construction is not a new idea. Take a look at the oldest parts of Canada's downtown cities and you'll find many fine examples of legacy construction: mammoth office buildings and warehouses framed with giant timbers and clad in brick.

These buildings have stood the test of time, and many have been transformed into the coveted and trendy loft and office spaces that fetch considerable sums today. For example, Winnipeg's Exchange District is known for its century-old timber buildings that rise up to eight storeys.

But the wood construction of today uses an entirely different class of high-tech materials, such as glulam, a cross-laminated timber product that makes it easier to prefabricate building components. Solid panels up to 20 metres long can

be produced in factories with cutouts ready for window and door openings. These components are then shipped on site to form the walls and floors of the building.

#### Modern take

A new design trend is also underway that takes wood frame construction a step further. CABIN, a new, six-storey hybrid wood and concrete condo in Toronto, incorporates wood elements and accents on the exterior and interiors of the building in a modern interpretation of the Muskoka Lakes style.

According to CABIN developer Adam Ochshorn, "There's a movement up north and throughout Canada, on the west coast and on Georgian Bay, of not doing the typical type of A-frame construction from the '70s and building something more contemporary. That's what we're trying to bring to the city."



**CABIN is a new boutique condo in Toronto's funky West Queen West neighbourhood. The six-storey condo is a combination of wood and concrete construction and boasts spacious, two-level suites with outdoor spaces.**

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## AROUND CANADA

### Sail Condos, Vancouver

A new six-storey contemporary West Coast condominium by Adera Development. These urban apartment homes feature Westbrook Village amenities close by and greenways connecting the community. B.C. allowed six-storey wood frame construction back in 2009.



### 360 Lofts, Ottawa

This 38-unit condo by Windmill Development is situated in the popular ByWard Market district. With its six-storey facade, it pushes the boundaries of wood construction in a way that resulted in an award in 2012 from the Canadian Wood Council.



### TEN Mount Royal, Calgary

A new four-storey condo collection by Maple Projects, offering a Lower Mount Royal address. The City of Calgary approved the construction of six-storey, wood frame buildings in 2014.



### 20 Dawn St., Halifax

An example of four-storey wood frame construction in Halifax is this eight-unit apartment building located in the Fairview neighbourhood that was built three years ago.



### Verve Tache North, Winnipeg

It's hard to tell that this is a wood frame building. The contemporary four-storey, 62-unit condo is located in the French quarter surrounded by historic sites. It boasts a rooftop terrace that offers views of the Red River, the Forks and downtown.



### Solara at Skyview, Edmonton

Close to the heart of the city, this four-storey, wood frame midrise by Abbey Lane Homes is located on 127 Street in northwest Edmonton. The condominium offers buyers great value and provides generous floor plans, granite countertops and laminate flooring.





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Johnny Manziel is expected to start for the Browns (2-6) when they meet the undefeated Bengals (7-0) on Thursday night

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NHL

## Burmistrov scores winner as Winnipeg takes down T.O.

Alexander Burmistrov atoned for two bad penalties, and the Winnipeg Jets made good on their vow to respond after a clunker in Montreal.

Burmistrov scored the game-winning goal out of the penalty box to give the Jets a 4-2 victory against the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre.

WEDNESDAY in Toronto



It was a much stronger effort from Winnipeg (8-4-1) after getting crushed by the Canadiens. Coach Paul Maurice didn't like his team's game Sunday, including his own performance.

The bounce back in Toronto was more than respectable. Defenceman Dustin Byfuglien, cleared by the NHL after a hearing for a hit on Canadiens forward Brendan Gallagher, scored early, and Mark Scheifele also had a goal.

Ondrej Pavelec stopped 24 of the 26 shots he faced in the first half of back-to-back games. The Jets visit the Ottawa Senators on Thursday.

Counterpart James Reimer



Maple Leafs centre Leo Komarov ends up in the net behind Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec on Wednesday in Toronto.

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had another good game in net for the Leafs (2-8-2), making 29 saves.

Pierre-Alexandre Parenteau and Leo Komarov scored for Toronto.

A defensive miscue by the Leafs allowed the Jets to get on the board 3:41 in, as a wide-open Mathieu Perreault found Byfuglien, who drove the net

and scored his third goal of the season.

Toronto tied the score on the power play at 8:22 when a shot attempt by Tyler Bozak deflected off Jets defender Mark Stuart's stick and right to Parenteau at the side of the net.

The Jets took the lead back 37 seconds later. With the Leafs unable to get the puck in their

own zone, Winnipeg played tic-tac-toe as Scheifele went top shelf over Reimer.

The lead lasted until 12:17 into the second period when, on a delayed penalty, Roman Polak carried the puck to the crease, throwing a centring pass in front. The puck banked in off Komarov's skate and in.

Burmistrov, whistled for

holding and holding the stick penalties, got the puck out of the penalty box late in the third period and took advantage of it. Blake Wheeler joined him to outnumber Jake Gardiner, and Burmistrov scored with 2:05 left on a give-and-go.

Bryan Little added the empty-netter with 26 seconds left.

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## IN BRIEF

### McDavid out indefinitely with broken collarbone

Edmonton Oilers rookie phenom Connor McDavid was expected to undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a broken left collarbone, with a recuperation period expected to stretch into months.

The first overall pick in this year's draft was hurt after he crashed heavily into the boards during Tuesday night's 4-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

McDavid had 12 points in 12 games this season and was named rookie of the month for October.

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### Canada beats Finland in Four Nations Cup opener

The Canadian women's hockey team opened the Four Nations Cup with a 2-0 win over Finland on Wednesday.

Meghan Agosta and Natalie Spooner were the goal scorers.

Canada faces the United States on Thursday and Sweden on Saturday.

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### Gold-medal snowboarder announces retirement

The first Canadian woman to win an Olympic gold medal on home soil is retiring.

Veteran snowboarder Maelle Ricker made the announcement Wednesday.

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# How to improve Bombers in 2016

## VIEW FROM THE 300S



**Andrew  
'Hustler'  
Paterson**

November is here and the preparations for the 103rd Grey Cup here in Winnipeg are well underway. While the focus will shift next week to the CFL playoffs and the teams vying for championship, here in Winnipeg it's next year time for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

If there is one thing the Bombers' season has taught us, it's that there is still much work to do before Winnipeg fans can realistically hope to see their team playing for a championship. Fan interest and attendance has taken a serious hit, and for the sake of the franchise, the bleeding needs to stop next year.

It is true that the Bombers had some incredibly bad breaks this season and an argument can be made that the team is much better than the 5-12 record they hold going into the final week of the season. But professional sports is a results business and the results have simply

## + AWARDS

Redblacks defensive lineman Shawn Lemon was among the CFL top performers of the week Wednesday with Edmonton Eskimos rookie Derel Walker and teammate Mike Reilly.

Lemon had a pair of sacks in the Redblacks' 12-6 victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He got to quarterback Jeff Mathews in the first and fourth quarter. Both sacks resulted in fumbles. Walker had 10 receptions for 128 yards to move past the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Reilly completed 29 of 35 passes for 308 yards.

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not been there for the Blue & Gold.

The loss of Drew Willy was the breaking point for the 2015 Bombers. At the time of the injury the team was 3-3 and right in the middle of the pack. Post Willy, the team won two games. The inability to protect the quarterback

proved to be the Bombers' undoing.

Kyle Walters moved aggressively last offseason to improve the offensive line, signing Stanley Bryant from Calgary and Dom Picard from Saskatchewan. Suk Chungh was drafted No. 2 overall in the CIS draft. All of these moves were rightly applauded, but the desired results just didn't materialize.

This again needs to be a major focus of the GM this offseason. It's hard to see the Bombers move out of the basement of CFL offensive statistics without better blocking and protection up front.

The defense will also benefit from improved offensive production. The Bombers' D made some big steps this year under Richie Hall, but far too often they were stranded on the field as the offense couldn't move the chains. Saving the D from being on the field all game and improving time of possession will go a long way in turning those close, heart-breaking fourth quarter losses into wins.

Beyond continuing to

improve the offensive line, there is a need to ink a reliable veteran quarterback to back up Drew Willy.

Matt Nichols was acquired from Edmonton mid-season and was able to win a couple games and make the Bombers competitive again. But the damage had been done. The lack of a competent backup before Nichols' arrival killed this team. Hopefully Willy can stay healthy next season, but a reliable, effective backup behind Willy is a must as this lost season has shown.

This is a make or break offseason for the Bombers' football operations staff. But a few key improvements will go along way to seeing this team back in the CFL playoffs and legitimately competing for the Grey Cup.



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# RECIPE Turkey Meatloaf with Apples and Sage



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For Metro Canada

- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper

## Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 400 F. Grease mini loaf pan or baking pan.
2. In a large skillet over moderate heat, add the butter, garlic and shallots and cook for 3 minutes.
3. Stir together apple chunks, bread crumbs and milk in a large bowl and set aside for 5 minutes. Add your turkey, egg, apple butter, sage, salt and pepper and garlic mixture to the milk and combine well. Spoon the meat mixture into your loaf tins.
4. Bake in the oven on the middle rack for about 50 minutes or until the internal temperature of a loaf reaches 160 F. In the last minute of cooking time, brush the tops with some apple butter. Remove the loaves from the oven and allow to rest for 5 minutes then serve.

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This dinner is a combination of all our favourite fall flavours. Make a double batch so you have some waiting in the freezer on a busy night.

## Ready in

Prep time: 60 minutes

## Serves 4

## Ingredients

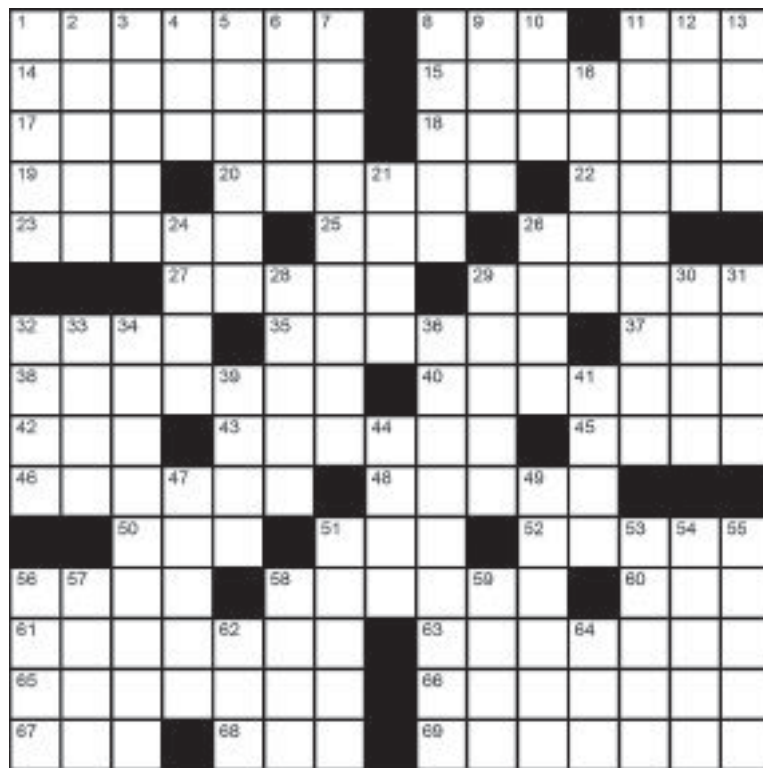
- 1 1/2 Tbsp butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 Gala apples, cored, peeled and sliced into small chunks
- 2/3 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 lbs ground turkey meat
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup apple butter, plus an extra Tbsp for tops of loaves
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh sage

# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. The new 007 movie
8. Research site
11. \_ boost
14. Skull-related
15. Lasting
17. Canadian comedian Mr. Peters
18. Prop for The Penguin
19. Chemical suffix
20. Readies oneself in golf: 2 wds.
22. Attend: 2 wds.
23. Prefix to 'frost'
25. American ailer since '71
26. Bucharest money
27. Not \_ in the world
29. Stinging nest pest
32. Russian ruler
35. Lizards like the GEICO commercials one
37. Deuce
38. Emmanuelle \_ Montreal-born actress
40. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
42. Ad \_ committee
43. Social news website
45. Sky bear
46. Flip the coin again
48. Ancient fabled man
50. Chg. card percentage
51. 1987 to 1994 'Star Trek' series, to fans
52. Paving stones
56. Gospel singer



- Ms. Winans  
58. \_ crackers  
60. '80s band  
61. Political pundit Ms. Huffington with a 'Post' website  
63. Like a coming-soon out of stock item: 2 wds.  
65. Daytime TV...

- "General Hospital": 2 wds.  
66. '60s band, Wayne \_ and The Mindbenders  
67. Word before a bride's maiden name  
68. Scale amts.  
69. Gradually appears on the screen:

2 wds.

## DOWN

1. \_ paper
2. Trim
3. Reliever
4. Belonging to a Canuck train co.
5. Menswear accessory, variably: 2 wds.

6. Rattle
7. Vegan songstress in Crash Test Dummies born in Selkirk, Manitoba: 2 wds.
8. Madagas-car animal
9. On
10. Mr. Vereen
11. Come across
12. Mr. MacDermot (Canadian composer of Hair)
13. Margarine
16. "Understood."
21. On \_ (Without a contract)
24. Husband: French
26. Mislapse
28. Chills
29. Owl's calls
30. Lamb mothers
31. 1970 war movie, when tripled!
32. Professor, puny-ly
33. Velcro closure locale
34. North Pole stuff: 2 wds.
36. Painter of Canadian nature scenes, Cornelius \_ (b.1815 - d.1872)
39. Alphabetic sequence
41. Trick
44. Mr. Carvey
47. "This world was never meant for \_ beautiful as you." - Don McLean, "Vincent"
49. Donny & Marie \_
51. Pitfalls
53. "Look, all done!" [pl.]
54. " \_ ." (Response to "What did you do next?")
55. Sandwich wrap brand
56. James or Scott
57. TV actress Kathryn
58. Annoying fly
59. Buffalo type
62. At present
64. Pathway [abbr.]

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
If someone makes you a really good offer today, find out if there are any strings attached. If they are giving you something they will most likely require something in return.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You may have to pay over the odds for something today but don't make a big deal of it. It's only money. Don't ruin what promises to be an otherwise enjoyable day.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
There is no point trying to keep a secret from those who know you best because they can read you like a book. No matter how embarrassing, own up to what you have done. Chances are they won't even care.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Sometimes the best way to break bad news is to come right out with it. Try to let others down gently and it could prolong the agony — they might even turn against you.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You won't be thinking straight, so avoid any spur of the moment decisions that will get you into trouble. Money matters, especially, must be approached with care.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
The more others pressure you to follow their example the more you must resist. You know what is best for you and anyone who doesn't respect your right to make your own decision must be told to take a hike.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Avoid situations where you don't feel in control. And avoid people whose main aim seems to be controlling you. You are a free spirit and you are entitled to come and go as you please.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Something is worrying you and you won't get over it by trying to put it out of your mind. The only way to deal with your fear is to face it and not be afraid of what you might find.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Listen to your inner voice. If you let people persuade you that their aims should be yours you will find yourself heading in a direction that takes you away from your goals.

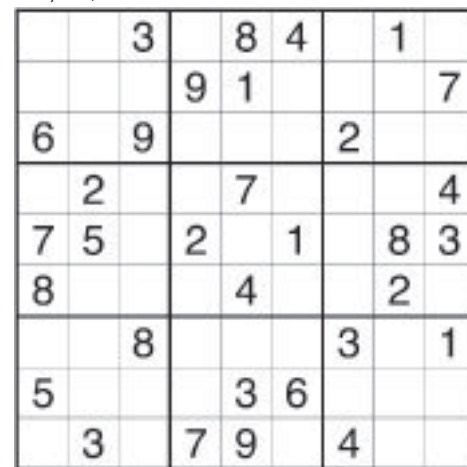
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Tread carefully when talking to loved ones. If they get the impression that you are telling them what to do they will react in a forceful way. Only give advice if it is asked for.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Be on your guard today. There may be no logical reason why you should be suspicious but on a deeper level you seem to know that all is not as it seems. Above all, don't commit yourself.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Someone will let you in on what they say is a secret but can you be sure they are not trying to mislead you? The planets warn that what they tell you will only be part of the story.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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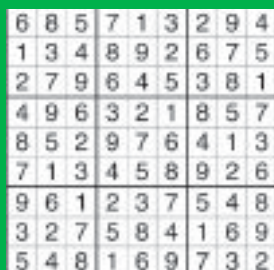


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